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t of the forbidding corporal punishments* this code re-studied and in 1920 it was applied. In 1927 a further Judicial reorganization took place, and in 1929 still another change.

These numerous and revisions reveal the extraordinary intricacy of the task. Though the harshness of the penal was, in particular, **greatly** softened, it was almost impossible to control the Judges* methods. **Moreover**, the French in an effort to be humanitarian had introduced the penalty of deportation to repke punishment, yet it considered by the natives to be far severe hence almost never applied. **Death with** its possible improve-

in reincarnation status seemed infinitely preferable.

Though the oxle's frequent revisions have undoubtedly improved Cambodian Justice^ they have left untouched certain features which are

incapable of amelioration. The pillory stand for witnesses abolished* but the Khmers cannot yet overcome their timidity in testimony in court and they are still afraid to report crimes **lest** it reprisals. Criminals in this way find protection everywhere

insecurity flourishes. Cambodian houses are particularly Inflammable,, the **constant** effort to disguise what he possesses is due as

to the Khmer^s fear of bandits⁵ arson as it is to the fisc. All the in the codes **have fostered the feeling** of general tmcertaHity The Cambodians have compared the perpetual in to a newly sharpened sword placed in the hands

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